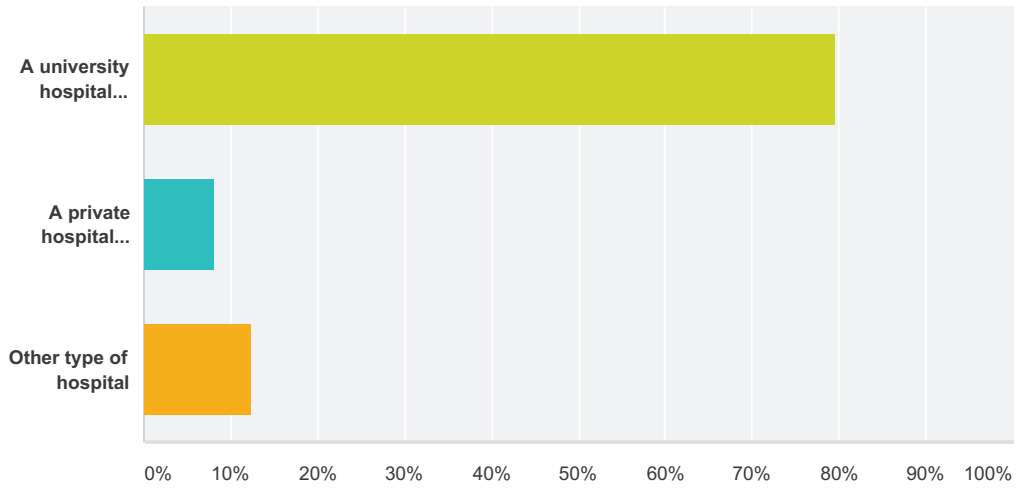


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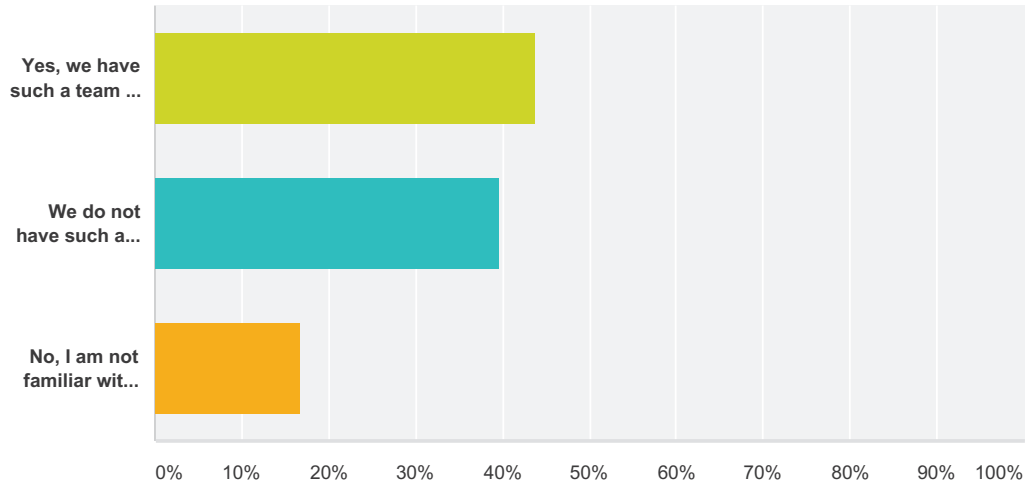
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Answer Choices	Responses	
A university hospital (academic)	79.59%	39
A private hospital (non-academic)	8.16%	4
Other type of hospital	12.24%	6
Total		49

Q5 Are you familiar with the term “arrhythmia team” or “heart rhythm team”?

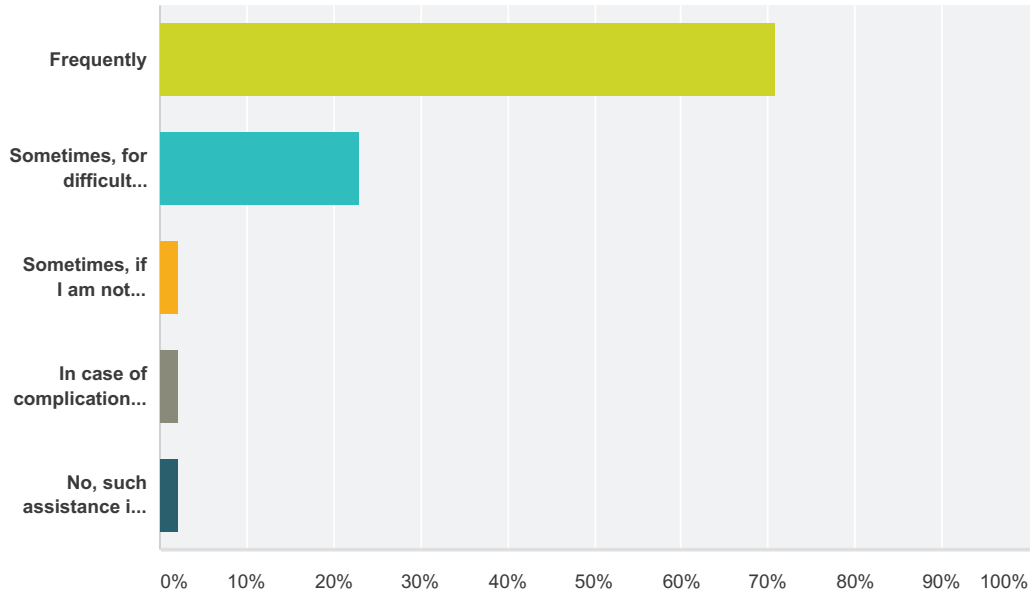
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, we have such a team in our centre	43.75% 21
We do not have such a team, but I am aware of other centers having such teams	39.58% 19
No, I am not familiar with this term.	16.67% 8
Total	48

Q6 As an arrhythmia specialist, do you think it is important to co-operate with other professionals in order to improve the acute and long-term outcome of procedures?

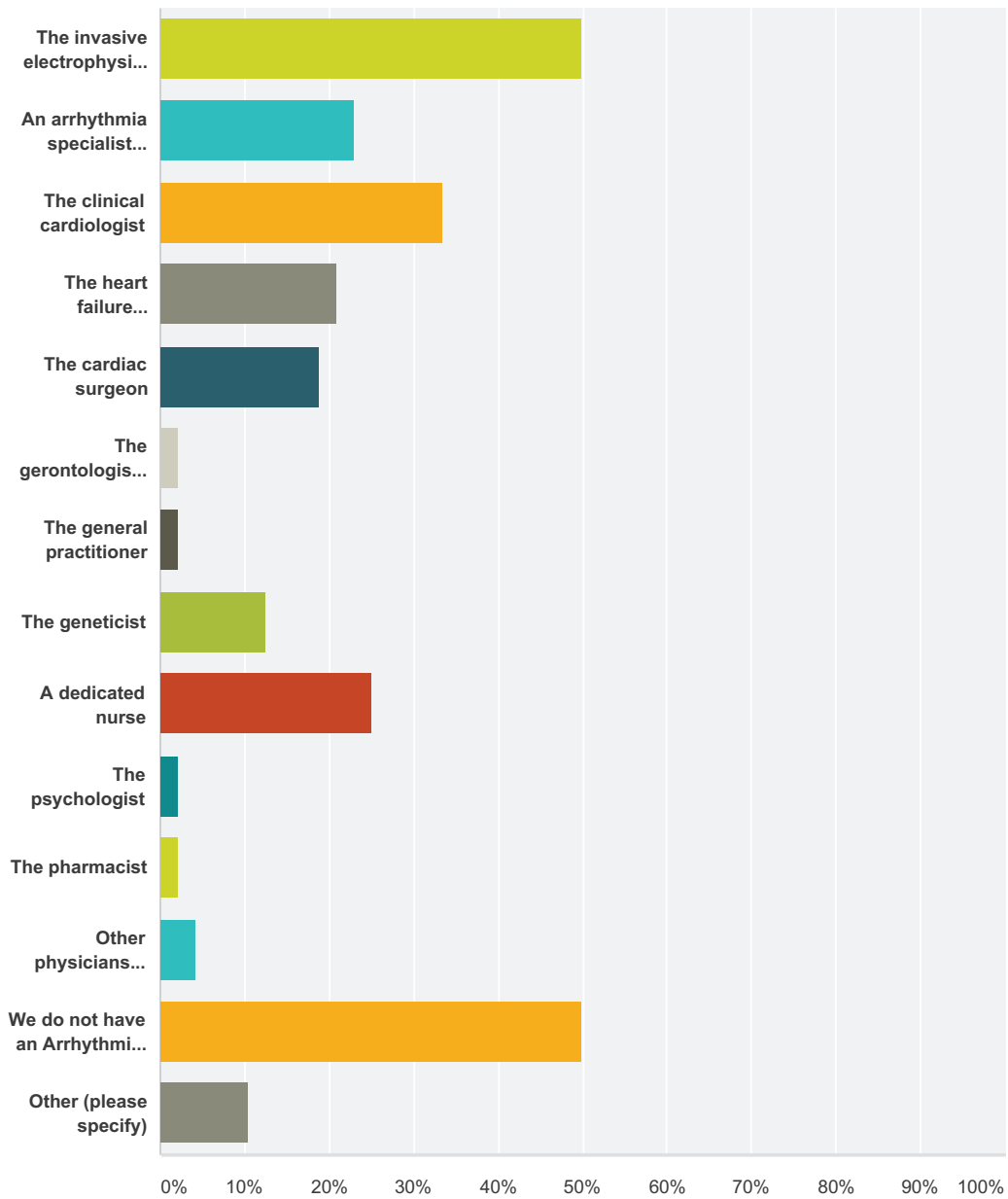
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Answer Choices	Responses
Frequently	70.83% 34
Sometimes, for difficult patients	22.92% 11
Sometimes, if I am not satisfied with the results obtained	2.08% 1
In case of complications during the procedure	2.08% 1
No, such assistance is almost never required	2.08% 1
Total	48

Q7 If your center has an “arrhythmia team”, who presently works in it? (multiple answers possible)

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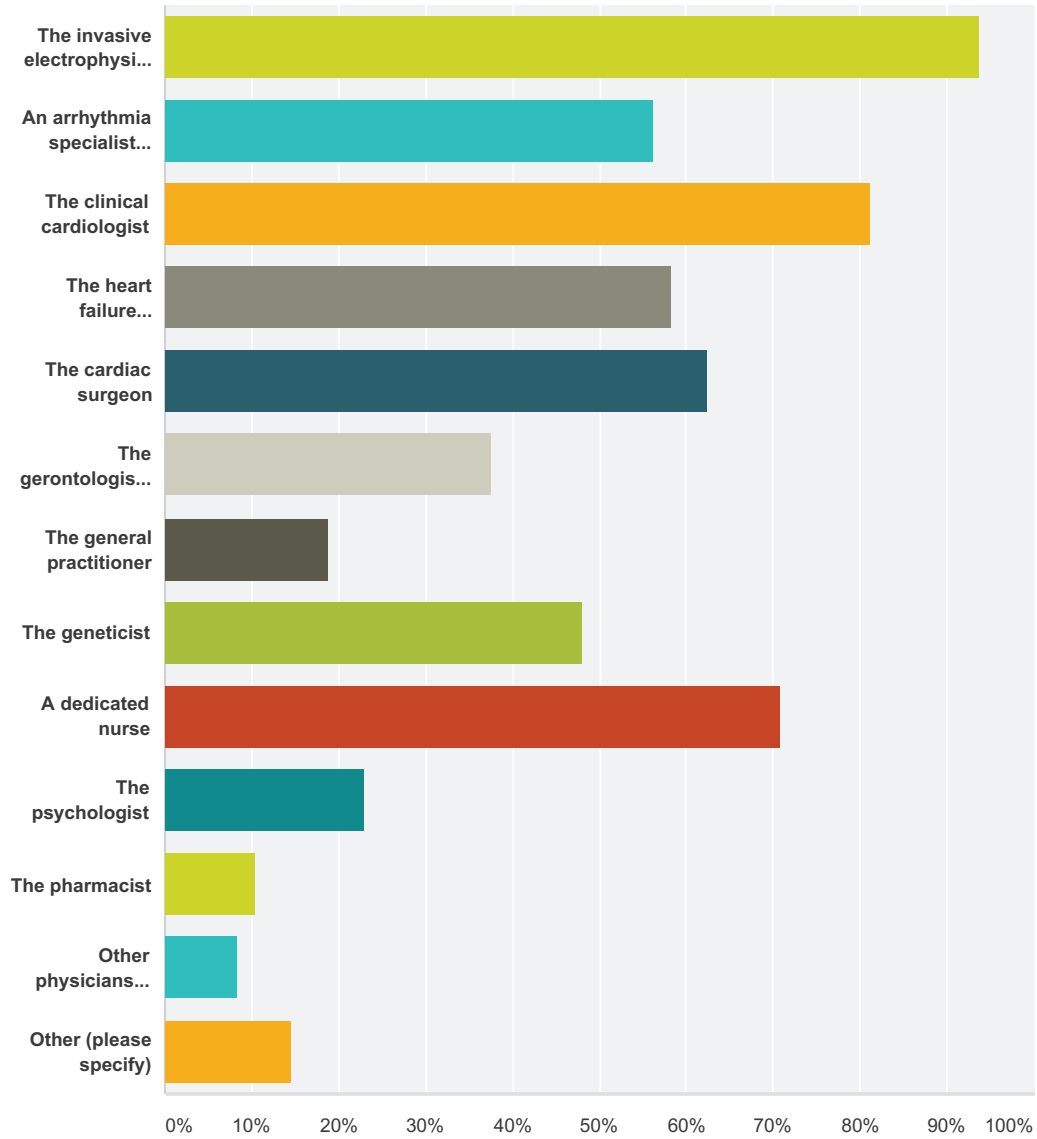
Answer Choices	Responses
The invasive electrophysiologist	50.00% 24
An arrhythmia specialist without experience with invasive procedures or device implantations	22.92% 11
The clinical cardiologist	33.33% 16
The heart failure specialist	20.83% 10
The cardiac surgeon	18.75% 9

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The gerontologist (e.g., age-related problems associated to AF and heart failure management)	2.08%	1
The general practitioner	2.08%	1
The geneticist	12.50%	6
A dedicated nurse	25.00%	12
The psychologist	2.08%	1
The pharmacist	2.08%	1
Other physicians specialised in.....or other health professionals (please specify in the comment box below):	4.17%	2
We do not have an Arrhythmia Team	50.00%	24
Other (please specify)	10.42%	5
Total Respondents: 48		

Q8 Even if no such a team is available in your center, who do you think should belong to such a team? (multiple answers possible)

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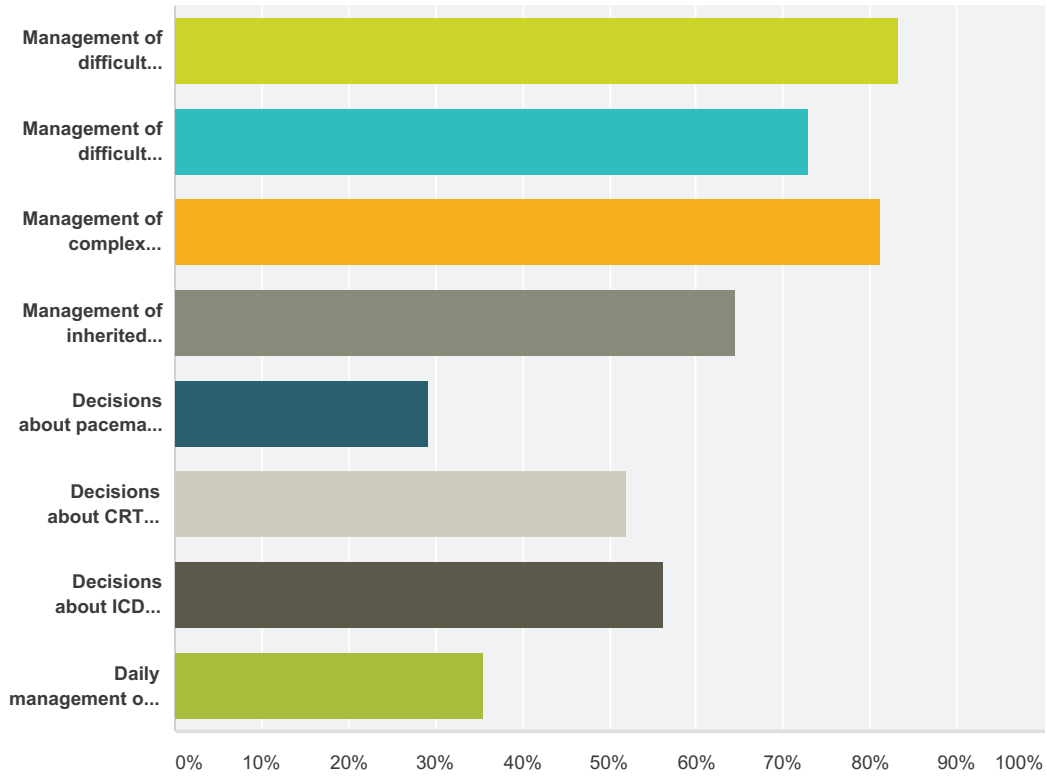
Answer Choices	Responses
The invasive electrophysiologist	93.75% 45
An arrhythmia specialist without experience with invasive procedures or device implantations	56.25% 27
The clinical cardiologist	81.25% 39
The heart failure specialist	58.33% 28
The cardiac surgeon	62.50% 30

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The gerontologist (e.g., age-related problems associated to AF and heart failure management)	37.50%	18
The general practitioner	18.75%	9
The geneticist	47.92%	23
A dedicated nurse	70.83%	34
The psychologist	22.92%	11
The pharmacist	10.42%	5
Other physicians specialised in.....or other health professionals (please specify in the comment box below):	8.33%	4
Other (please specify)	14.58%	7
Total Respondents: 48		

Q9 What do you think should be the role of the arrhythmia team? (multiple answers)

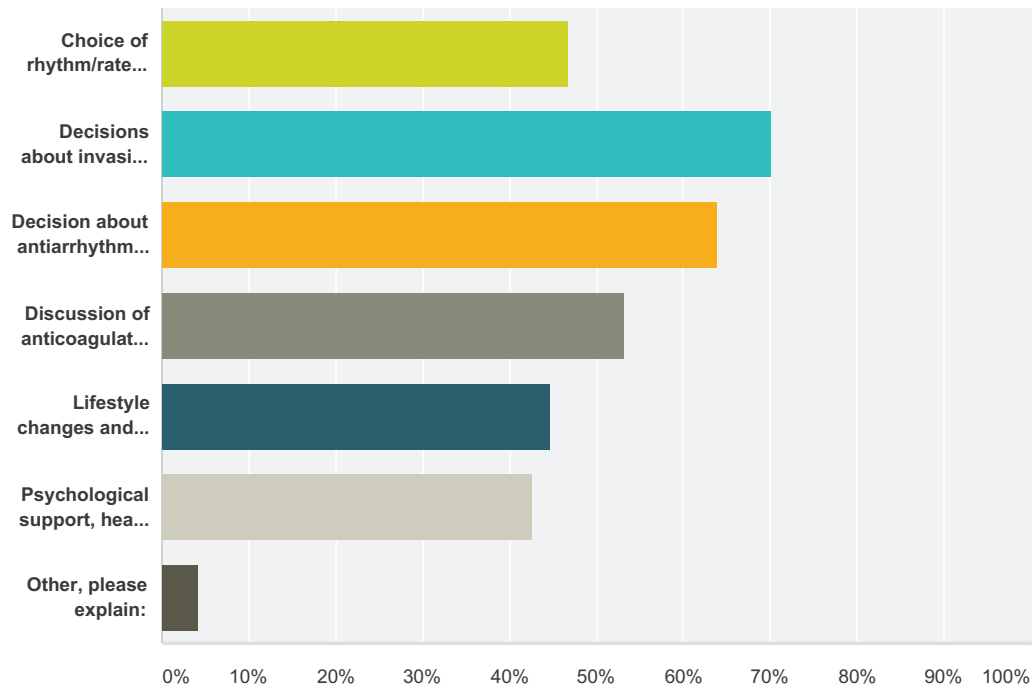
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Answer Choices	Responses
Management of difficult cases, such as therapy of refractory ventricular tachycardia	83.33% 40
Management of difficult cases, such as therapy of refractory AF	72.92% 35
Management of complex patients (i.e., multiple comorbid conditions, complex therapeutic schemes, frailty, etc.)	81.25% 39
Management of inherited arrhythmia syndromes	64.58% 31
Decisions about pacemaker indications	29.17% 14
Decisions about CRT indications	52.08% 25
Decisions about ICD indications	56.25% 27
Daily management of most arrhythmia patients (i.e., rate- rhythm control strategy and anticoagulation management of AF patients, choice of anti-arrhythmic drugs, etc.)	35.42% 17
Total Respondents: 48	

Q10 Which therapy options or topics do you think would necessitate a multidisciplinary approach for a patient with AF? (multiple answers)

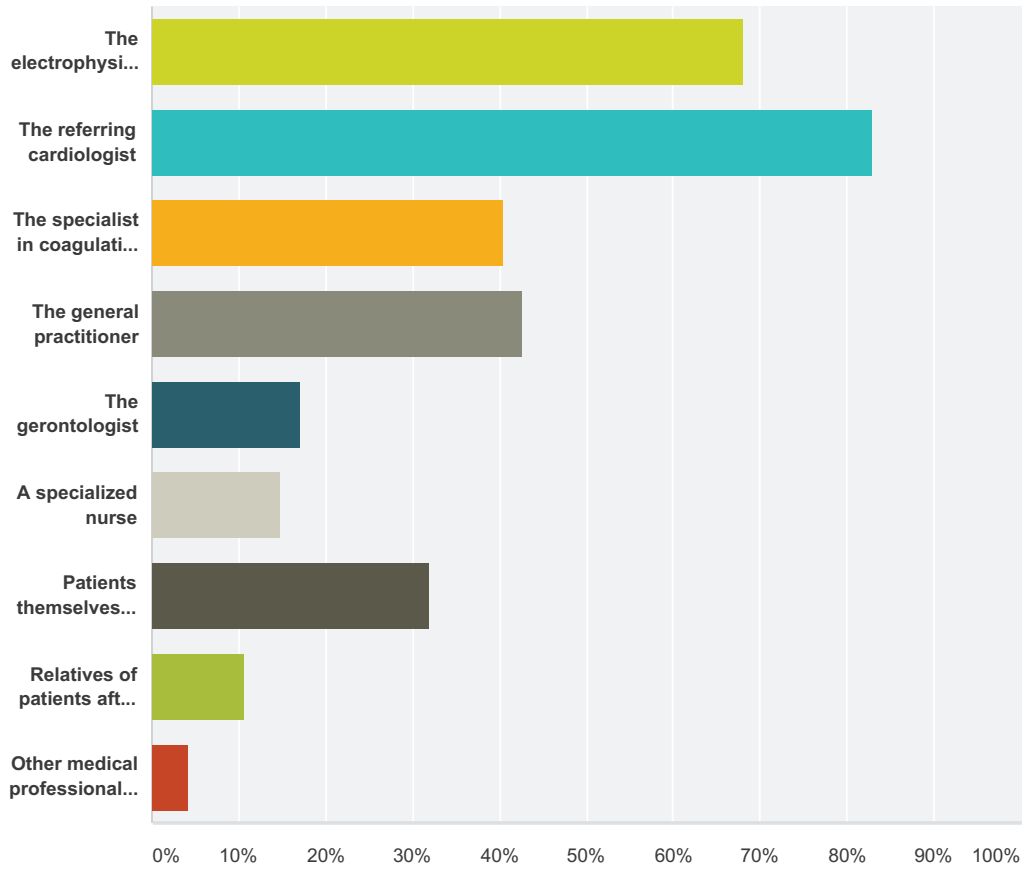
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Answer Choices	Responses
Choice of rhythm/rate control	46.81% 22
Decisions about invasive procedures (i.e., AF catheter ablation, AV nodal ablation)	70.21% 33
Decision about antiarrhythmic surgery	63.83% 30
Discussion of anticoagulation options and management of anticoagulation therapy	53.19% 25
Lifestyle changes and risk factors management	44.68% 21
Psychological support, health related quality of life issues, anxiety and depressive disorders	42.55% 20
Other, please explain:	4.26% 2
Total Respondents: 47	

Q11 Who manages anticoagulant therapy of AF patients in your center? (multiple answer)

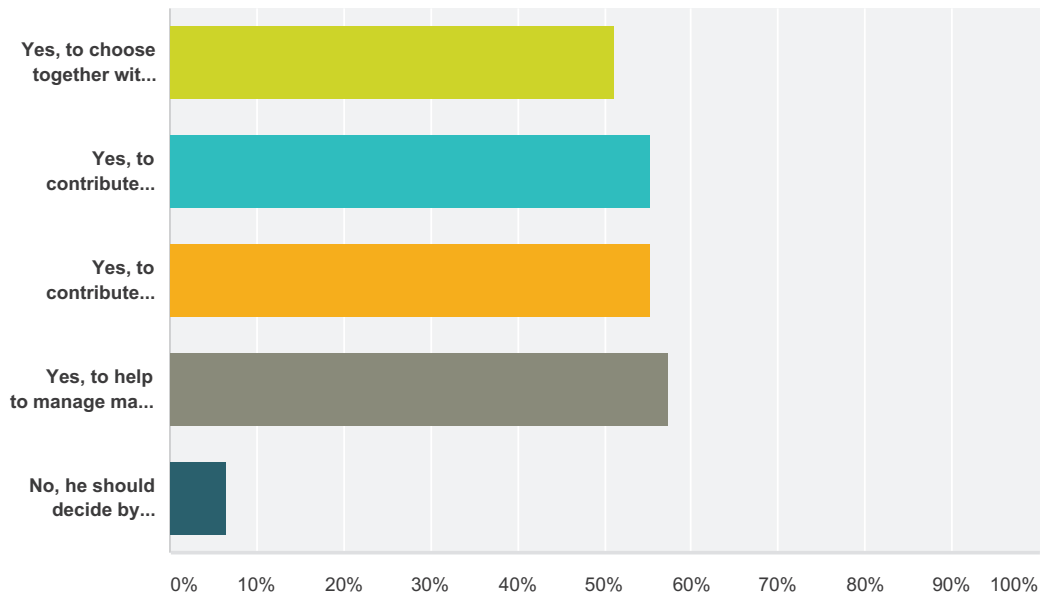
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Answer Choices	Responses
The electrophysiologist	68.09% 32
The referring cardiologist	82.98% 39
The specialist in coagulation (hemostaseologist)	40.43% 19
The general practitioner	42.55% 20
The gerontologist	17.02% 8
A specialized nurse	14.89% 7
Patients themselves after training and with the support of health professionals	31.91% 15
Relatives of patients after training and with the support of health professionals	10.64% 5
Other medical professionals, please specify in the comment box below:	4.26% 2
Total Respondents: 47	

Q12 Do you think that a cardiac surgeon should have a role in the Arrhythmia Team in the management of AF patients? (multiple options)

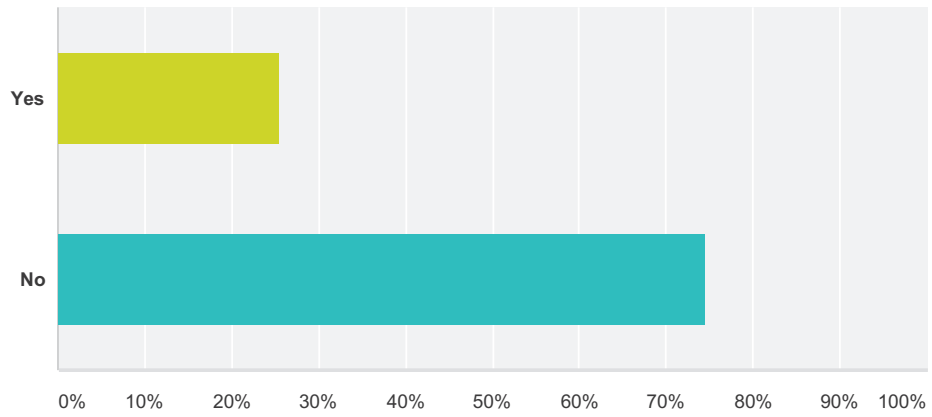
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, to choose together with the electrophysiologist the most appropriate invasive modality (catheter ablation vs surgical ablation)	51.06% 24
Yes, to contribute planning the decision of left atrial appendage excision/exclusion during heart surgery interventions	55.32% 26
Yes, to contribute planning the decision to perform a surgical Maze ablation procedure of AF	55.32% 26
Yes, to help to manage major complications of invasive anti-arrhythmic therapy	57.45% 27
No, he should decide by himself during surgical interventions based on his own experience	6.38% 3
Total Respondents: 47	

Q13 Does your cardiac arrhythmia team include a nurse that - regardless of the individual arrhythmia - follows patients from diagnosis to treatment, both in in-hospital and out-of-hospital setting?

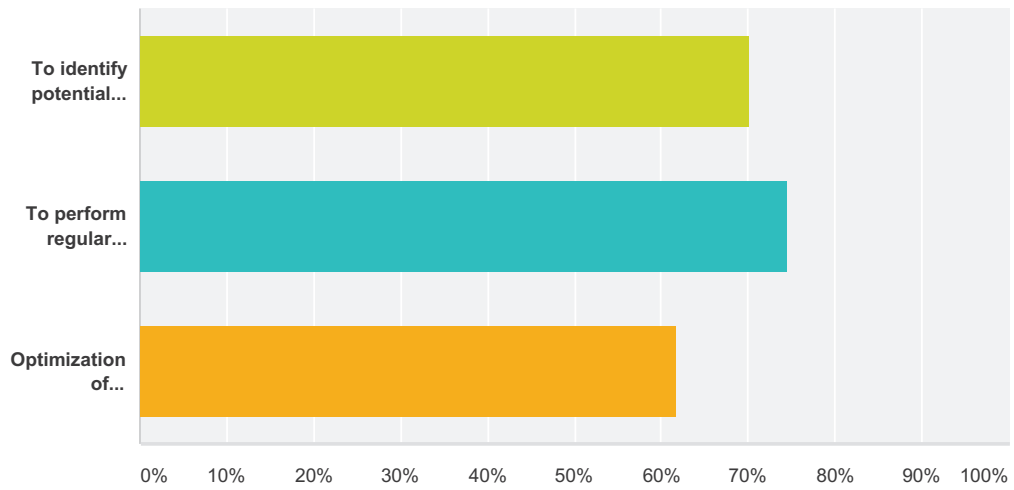
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	25.53%	12
No	74.47%	35
Total		47

Q14 What do you think could be the role of a specialized nurse in the management of AF patients? (multiple options)

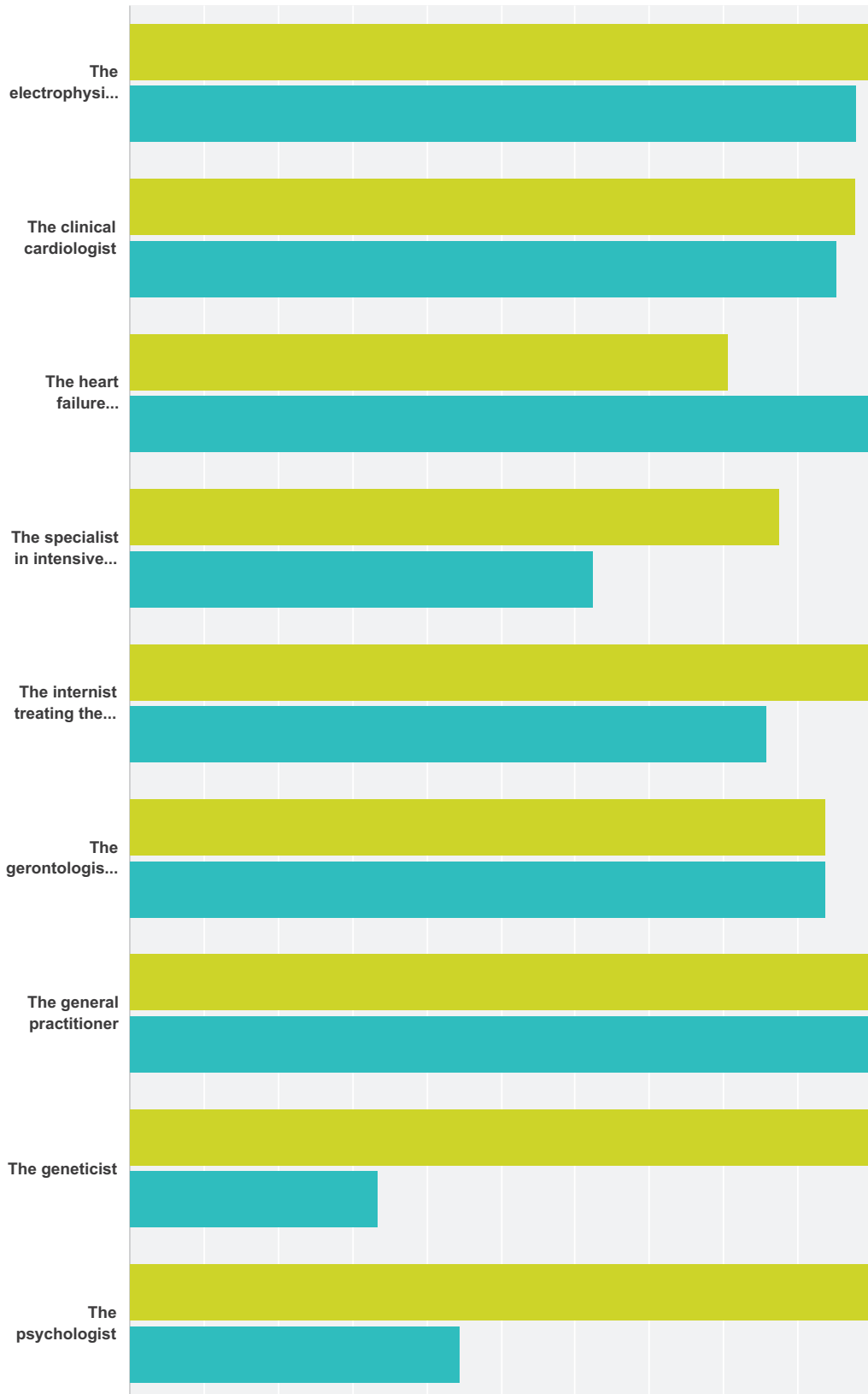
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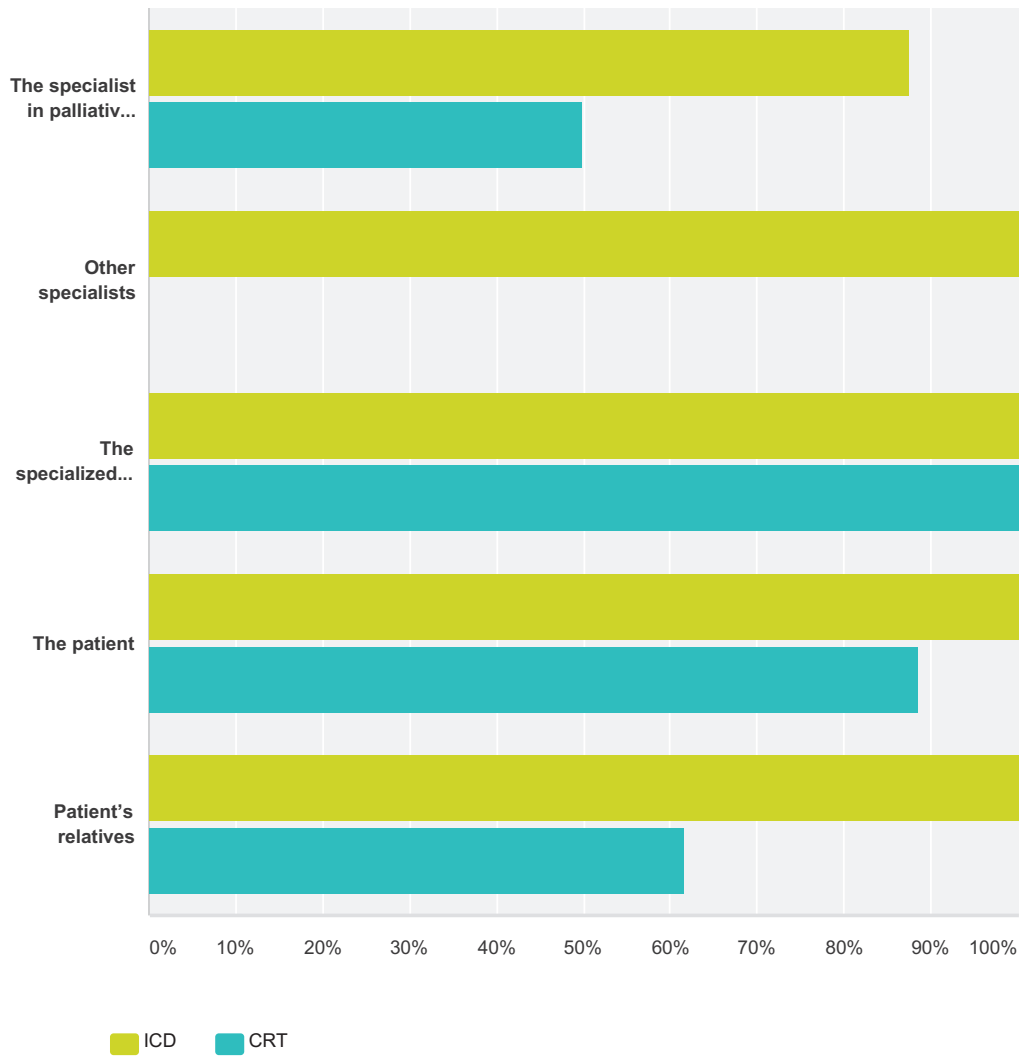
Answer Choices	Responses
To identify potential barriers to out-of-hospital management and to provide initial contact of patients and family members with the medical personnel	70.21% 33
To perform regular follow-up by a combination of home visits, scheduled clinic reviews, and telephone follow-up	74.47% 35
Optimization of pharmacological treatment (i.e., INR control) and non-pharmacological management (i.e., dietary advices, risk factors control)	61.70% 29
Total Respondents: 47	

Q15 Who should discuss the indication for an ICD/CRT implantation? (multiple answers)

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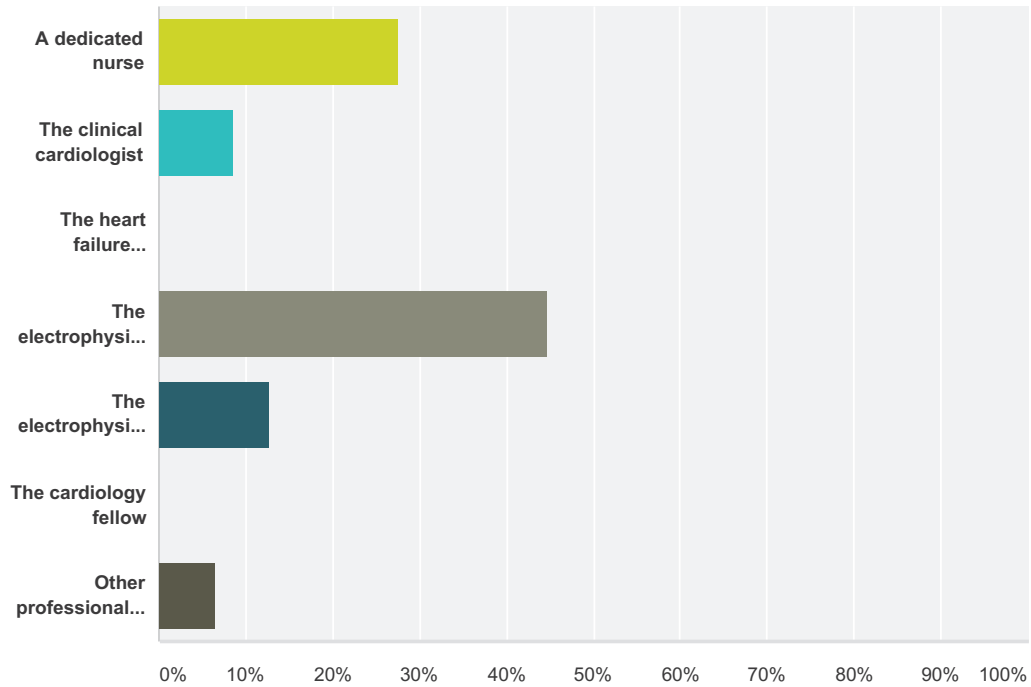
	ICD	CRT	Total Respondents
The electrophysiologist	100.00% 46	97.83% 45	46
The clinical cardiologist	97.62% 41	95.24% 40	42
The heart failure specialist	80.49% 33	100.00% 41	41
The specialist in intensive care	87.50% 14	62.50% 10	16
The internist treating the patient	100.00% 7	85.71% 6	7
The gerontologist treating the patient	93.75% 15	93.75% 15	16
The general practitioner	100.00% 4	100.00% 4	4
The geneticist	100.00% 9	33.33% 3	9
The psychologist	100.00% 9	44.44% 4	9

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The specialist in palliative care	87.50% 7	50.00% 4	8
Other specialists	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1
The specialized nurse	100.00% 3	100.00% 3	3
The patient	100.00% 26	88.46% 23	26
Patient's relatives	100.00% 13	61.54% 8	13

Q16 Who performs remote monitoring of patients with cardiovascular electronic devices in your center? (One answer)

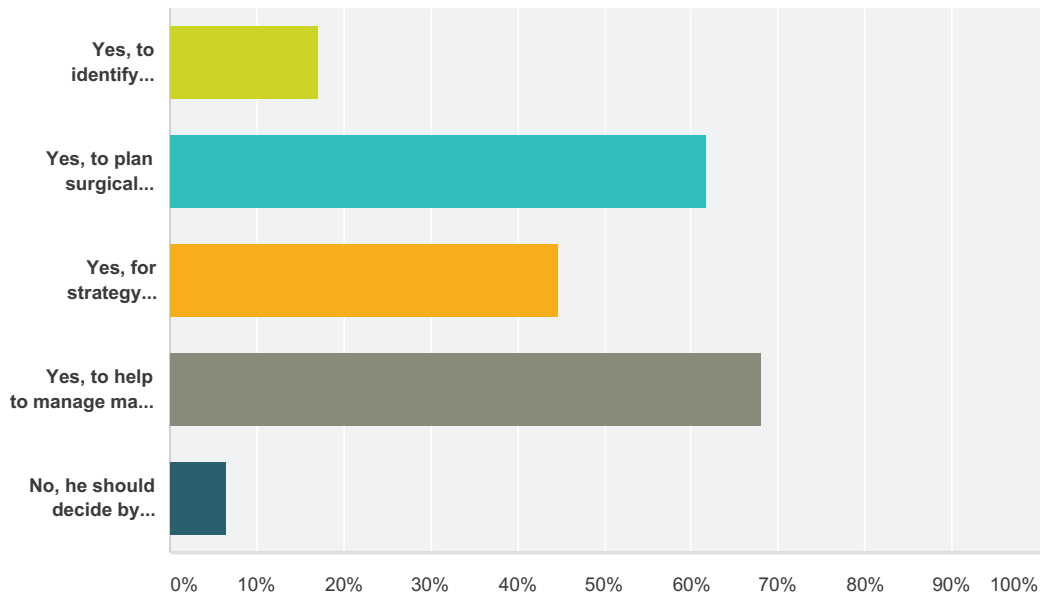
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Answer Choices	Responses
A dedicated nurse	27.66% 13
The clinical cardiologist	8.51% 4
The heart failure specialist	0.00% 0
The electrophysiologist	44.68% 21
The electrophysiology fellow	12.77% 6
The cardiology fellow	0.00% 0
Other professionals (please specify):	6.38% 3
Total	47

Q17 Do you think that a cardiac surgeon should have a role in the Arrhythmia Team for patients with heart failure and/or severe ventricular arrhythmias? (multiple answers)

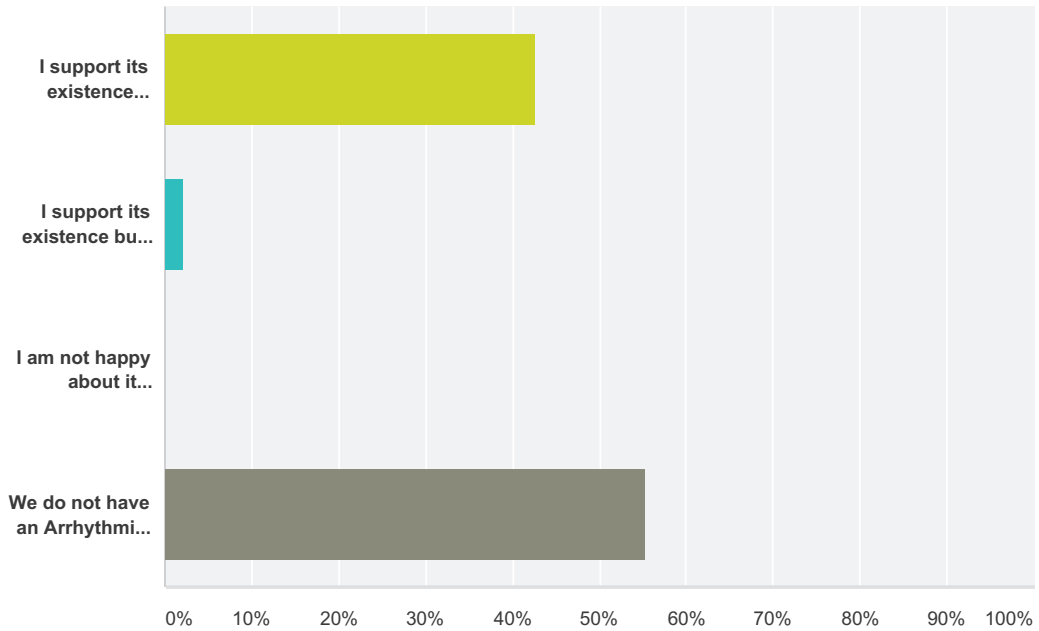
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, to identify patients suitable for the subcutaneous implantable cardioverter defibrillator	17.02% 8
Yes, to plan surgical ablation of severe drug-refractory ventricular arrhythmias after failure of catheter ablation in specialized centers	61.70% 29
Yes, for strategy planning in patients with cardiovascular electronic devices if a device/lead explantation is needed	44.68% 21
Yes, to help to manage major complications of invasive anti-arrhythmic therapy	68.09% 32
No, he should decide by himself during surgical interventions based on his own experience	6.38% 3
Total Respondents: 47	

Q18 If you have an arrhythmia team in your center, what is your opinion about its function?

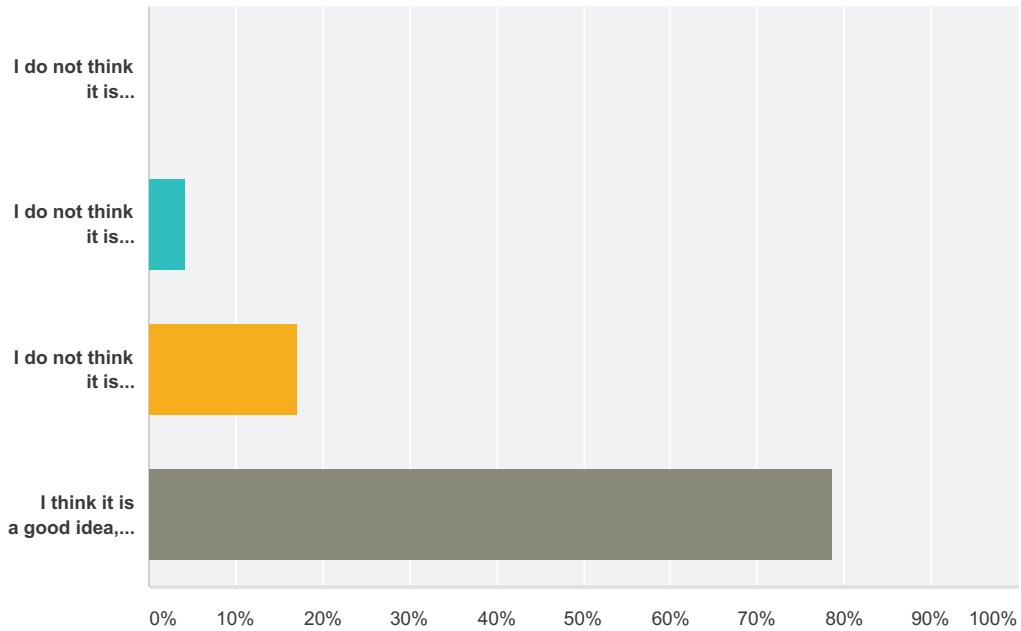
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Answer Choices	Responses
I support its existence because it is helpful in patient management	42.55% 20
I support its existence but it has not led to a considerable improvement of patient management	2.13% 1
I am not happy about it because I often find it difficult to cooperate with many colleagues who frequently have divergent opinions	0.00% 0
We do not have an Arrhythmia Team	55.32% 26
Total	47

Q19 If you do not have an arrhythmia team in your center, what is your opinion about setting up one? (one answer)

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Answer Choices	Responses
I do not think it is necessary. Patients are managed well without such a team.	0.00% 0
I do not think it is necessary. The people who would belong to it would not substantially help in difficult cases.	4.26% 2
I do not think it is necessary, it already exists virtually.	17.02% 8
I think it is a good idea, which I would like to implement in my center.	78.72% 37
Total	47